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IMMUNOFIXATION

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF DEFECTIVE OFFICE ACTION  
AND ISSUANCE OF NEW OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Applicants request that the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 20 April 2004 be withdrawn, and that a new Office Action be issued. The Examiner has indicated under "Disposition of Claims" on page one of the Office Action that claims 23-35 are pending in the application. In the Office Action, only claims 23-35 were examined.

The claims currently pending, as most recently amended by a Second Preliminary Amendment mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 6 December 2002, are claims 1-10 and 21-36. Applicants request that all the pending claims be examined in accordance with the principles of compact prosecution, so that Applicants have the earliest opportunity to amend claims or present arguments as to patentability. Applicants further request that the Patent Office

restart the previously set period for reply to run from the date the new Office Action is mailed.  
See section 710.06 of the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure*.

Respectfully submitted,

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